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## Problems For Ike

THE whole of Asia waits with some impatience, not tinged with anxiety, for indications of the line of policy Mr. Eisenhower, the American President-elect, intends to adopt relating to the Pacific. Interests are as conflicting as viewpoints, and while there are merits in Mr. Casey's suggestion that Mr. Eisenhower should pay a personal visit to Southeast Asia, trouble spots after he has been to Korea, the danger also exists that such a tour might well leave him more confused in mind than if he rests content with briefings and reports from expert advisers. Nevertheless, in due course, Mr. Eisenhower will be expected to clarify his attitude to a number of problems afflicting the Pacific and the Far East. First consideration is Korea. While it is recognised that Eisenhower desires as keenly as anyone a quick end to hostilities, his vague election campaign references to the possibility of leaving "Asians to fight Asians" has caused some perturbation. Nothing at this time could more injure the prestige of the United Nations than the wholesale withdrawal of American forces from Korea. Nor would it be calculated to help bring the war to a satisfactory conclusion. It is inconceivable that Mr. Eisenhower has at any moment given thought to the abandonment of Korea by the United States; nevertheless, the world will expect from him a clear statement on what he considers to be the future policy pertaining to the Korean problem after he has completed his visit to the war front.

BEYOND Korea, Mr. Eisenhower will also have to formulate and indicate the new American Government's policy concerning a number of other problems. France will be anxious to know whether he is willing to commit the United States, or to use his influence to commit the United Nations, to active participation in the Indo-China conflict with a view to bringing it to a rapid end. The Chinese Nationalists in Formosa will probably expect a pronouncement from the President-elect on whether or not the United States is prepared to encourage and support any military moves from Taiwan against the Chinese mainland. Hence though, unless Mr. Eisenhower is persuaded to change his mind by his advisers and political colleagues, it appears unlikely that he would countenance extension of military operations against Communism, for he has gone on record as being of the opinion that he does not consider an amphibious expedition against the China mainland could achieve any decisive result. A third question that will, in time, be posed to Mr. Eisenhower is his attitude to Britain's desire and request to be associated with ANZUS. The Truman Administration has made it painfully clear that the proposal is frowned upon. But Britain has strong and legitimate claims to be taken into the Pacific Security Council, and it may be assumed that any change of attitude on the part of Washington after Mr. Eisenhower has assumed office would be welcomed just as much by Australia and New Zealand as by Britain.

## Threat To Princess Margaret Denied

London, Nov. 16. Britain's leading internal news agency tonight cancelled a story they had put out two hours before that security officers at sea and air ports throughout the country had been ordered to watch out for an American reported to have threatened Princess Margaret.

The Press Association said the story had come from a "properly credited source" who had later reaffirmed the information, but it had not been confirmed elsewhere.

Spokesmen at the Home Office and Scotland Yard, London, police headquarters, denied any knowledge of a threat to the 22-year-old sister of Queen Elizabeth, or of special instructions to look out for the American.

A high shipping official at Southampton, main terminal for passenger liners from America, said tonight: "No search or lookout for any American is being made. We have received no information whatsoever about the alleged threat."

# SUCCESSFUL HYDROGEN BOMB TESTS

## Announcement By US Atomic Energy Commission

WASHINGTON, NOV. 16.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT SUCCESSFUL HYDROGEN BOMB TESTS HAD BEEN HELD AT THE ISOLATED ENIWETOK PROVING GROUNDS IN THE PACIFIC AND SAID SCIENTISTS WERE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS.

While the Commission did not say it in so many words, its announcement made it clear that America had exploded the world's first hydrogen bomb. The wording of the announcement suggested several might have been set off.

The Commission accompanied its report on the supersecret "experiments" with a warning to Russia that the United States would continue its studies looking toward development of the awesome H-bomb. It said lack of any effective and enforceable arrangements for control of atomic armaments demanded it.

The Commission's statement apparently meant that the United States had beaten Russia in the race for the first H-bomb. US scientists have assumed that the Soviets have been working on such a weapon since their atomic experiments were successful.

The H-bomb gains tremendous destructive force through fusion rather than fission. In the A-bomb the nuclei of the atoms are broken up to release a fiery rush of energy. This is fission. In the H-bomb, certain hydrogen nuclei of the atoms are fused to create helium, releasing far more energy than fission of uranium or plutonium.

The H-bomb requires 10 to 25 times as much nuclear material as the A-bomb. For this reason, among others, the first explosion does not mean the H-bomb will be available in quantity immediately or will replace the A-bomb altogether.

The AEC announcement said the recent experiments had accomplished a remarkable feat and, while it did not specifically mention the H-bomb, spoke of contributions to "thermonuclear weapons research," which is understood to mean the hydrogen bomb.

The text of the official announcement said: "Joint Task Force 132, operating for the Department of Defense and the United States Atomic Energy Commission, has concluded a third series of weapons development tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands."

"Like the Greenhouse Series in 1951, it was designed to further the development of various types of weapons. In furtherance of the President's announcement of January 31, 1950, the test programme included experiments contributing to thermonuclear weapons research."—United Press.

### RESULTS SATISFY

Washington, Nov. 16. Worldwide speculation that the United States had exploded the world's first hydrogen bomb received no direct confirmation when the American Atomic Energy Commission today announced the conclusion of a new series of successful atomic tests at the mid-Pacific proving ground at Eniwetok atoll.

The short announcement did not say specifically whether a full-scale hydrogen bomb had been detonated, but it gave the impression that the Eniwetok experiments, in which a Joint Task Force took part, involved both standard nuclear fission and hydrogen nuclear "fusion."

Speaking of the series of shots as a whole, the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Gordon Dean, said in his announcement that "scientific executives for the tests have expressed satisfaction with the results."

President Truman gave the order for the development of the hydrogen bomb on January 31, 1950, "to see to it that our country is able to defend itself against any possible aggressor."

authoritative American science writer known to be in close touch with developments, as "constituting the greatest threat to the human race since the Black Death (mid 14th century)."

FLOOD OF LETTERS  
Mr. Dean, in response to reporters' questions today, said the Commission was investigating, with a view to possible prosecution, a flood of letters from Task Force personnel purporting to describe a hydrogen bomb test shot on November 1.

Letters began arriving in the United States over a week ago from persons at Eniwetok who said they had witnessed history's first hydrogen bomb explosion. If the letter writers, chiefly junior officers and crew members of ships near the atoll, actually saw what they described, the weapon obviously lived up to its unofficial billing of a "hell bomb."

Several others reported an exact time for this reputed hydrogen bomb explosion—7:15 a.m. Eniwetok time, November 1. "One other," letter-writer, perhaps by error, to October 1.

The text of today's Commission announcement said the latest series of tests, like that in 1951, "was designed to further the development of various types of weapons."

"The announcement added that the leaders and members of the military and civilian components of the Task Force accomplished a remarkable feat of precision in planning and operations and have the commendation of the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission."

In replying to reporters' questions about the letters, Mr. Dean said: "Information issued by the Atomic Energy Commission in the Eniwetok test series, 1952, is limited to today's statement because amplification might give aid to potential enemies."

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"Our objectives of protecting the security of information in the tests have in general been attained. The Commission is concerned, however, over the letters purporting to describe some events in connection with the tests. Investigations are under way leading to possible disciplinary action or prosecution for violating Task Force regulations or the law."

"Making public further information as to the nature and results of these tests might injure the interests of the United States. We will make no further announcements."

No postal censorship was enforced at Eniwetok, but a spokesman said, replying to questions that all such operations had certain security regulations applied to distribution of information.

Reports began to circulate early in November—a month after the tests—that the Commission was investigating, with a view to possible prosecution, a flood of letters from Task Force personnel purporting to describe a hydrogen bomb test shot on November 1.

after Britain successfully exploded its first atomic weapon at the Monte Bello islands of northwest Australia—that the United States might be keeping secret the fact that the world's first full-scale hydrogen bomb had been exploded.

Seismographs throughout the world recorded a major earthquake in the Pacific on November 4. This was followed by a great tidal wave.

Press reports purporting to come from Eniwetok—some of them said to be American servicemen in ships taking part in the Eniwetok tests—graphically described "the huge orange ball" caused by the explosion.

All the Eniwetok tests since the first in 1949 have been sealed off to Press and public, but unusually tight restrictions were imposed this year.

### ONE REPORT

The Los Angeles Examiner said on November 6: "It is likely that the tremendous force of the H-bomb—the world's first—vaporized into gas and dust the atoll, half-mile wide and three miles long, on which the detonation took place."

The article was based on a letter a Los Angeles citizen had received from a friend who claimed to have watched the test.

"The blast," the letter writer said, was watched through dark glasses. It resembled a huge orange ball which grew larger and brighter until it appeared as if no dark glasses were there at all.

A letter writer to the Times in Ohio on November 10 said the flames, two miles wide, shot five miles into the air, and that the heat was 180 degrees when it reached him 30 miles away.

He added: "Within six hours, an island that once had palm trees and coconuts was now nothing. The island had actually disappeared."—Reuter.

## MOSSADEGH'S NEW MOVE

Tehran, Nov. 16. Dr. Mohammad Mossadeq, by the use of his special powers, today ordered the dissolution of Persia's Supreme Court of Justice and instructed the Justice Minister to appoint judges to constitute a new Supreme Court.

A new law also authorizes the Justice Minister to reframe any member of the judiciary within the next two months irrespective of retirement age and service.

Observers noted that former Premier Shivan Es Sultaneh's trial is due to begin shortly. The Supreme Court dissolution is interpreted as being promoted by a Government desire to preclude prejudice from the justices during the trial.—Reuter.

## Highway Tragedy

Fribourg, Switzerland, Nov. 16. Two boys walking along the road to attend church at nearby Marly-le-Grand were struck by a car travelling at high speed today and killed instantly.

The two boys, Michel Nidegger, 9, and Gerard Rosier, 13, were walking with two other boys, who escaped injury.—Associated Press.

## Englishwoman Questions Suspect



Mrs. Grace Turnbull, an expert in Kikuyu tribal customs and language, having lived all her life amongst the tribe, sits at a table (centre) while an alleged killer, a member of the Mau Mau terrorist secret society, is finger-printed and questioned (right), in the Fort Hall area of Kenya, about 50 miles to the northeast of Nairobi. Sitting next to her (left) is an African child, son of a murdered Kikuyu and an identification witness. The child is now under police protection for fear of reprisals. At the far end of the table is a police officer.—London Express.

## Mau Mau Spreads To The Coast

BIG ROUND-UP  
OF NATIVES

Mombassa, Nov. 16.

The first official news of Mau Mau activity on the coast of Kenya, 300 miles from the main trouble spots in the Kikuyu tribal area—was reported today.

An oath-taking ceremony was discovered yesterday, four miles from Mombassa in southern Kenya and 12 Kikuyu tribesmen, all bearing the telltale secret Mau Mau markings, were arrested. Two Kikuyu women were also arrested in Mombassa today.

Police and troops today carried out one of the biggest sweeps since the emergency began for terrorist suspects in the mountainous North. Kikuyu area rounding up 1,600 Africans.

After intensive screening 208 were detained for further questioning. Of these 60 were charged with various offences.

Twenty Africans were found in possession of prohibited publications and in one African's hut police found what they declared to be subversive literature. Police believe that this African was the local agent for the Mau Mau organisation.

Police in the Nanyuki district arrested 26 Africans who were about to attend a Mau Mau meeting. One of them was shot in the hip as he tried to escape. Routing police and army sweeps continued throughout the day in the Nyeri, Fort Hall and Nakuru districts.—Reuter.

## Govt. Sues Vast Du Pont Concern

Chicago, Nov. 16.

The United States Government is due to open its case on Tuesday in a Federal court suit designed to break up the \$4,000,000,000 Du Pont industrial empire, which the Government contends is a monopoly.

The Government alleges that the Du Pont family controls stock in three holding companies, which in turn control E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Company, the chemicals company, General Motors Incorporated, and a major block of stock in United States Rubber.

The suit claims that Du Pont General Motors and United States Rubber violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, a law designed to prevent restrictive monopolies in industry by restraining trade through secret rebates and by dividing among themselves several fields of manufacture to eliminate competition. The charges are denied. The Government will seek a court order dissolving the Du Pont Company to sell its General Motors stock.—Reuter.

## Four Killed In Ambush

Gabes, Tunisia, Nov. 16.

Four French soldiers were killed and seven others wounded, four of them seriously, when terrorists opened fire on two buses loaded with soldiers returning from a local cinema to their camps late last night.

The terrorists took cover behind a stone wall and waited for the two buses to pull before opening fire on the unarmed soldiers.—United Press.

## Volcano In Eruption Again

San Diego, Nov. 16.

The San Benedicto Island volcano, 870 miles south of San Diego, was in eruption again today—belching smoke and ashes at four to five minutes intervals.

Lieutenant Jim Ball, pilot of a Navy plane which flew a fleet camera party and three Scripps Institution of Oceanography scientists over the volcano today, said on his return that smaller eruptions of smoke and ashes every 75 seconds also were noted.

Ball said a large lava slab 150 to 200 feet down inside the crater appeared to be keeping the volcano from "blowing its top."

Other members of the party told of hearing intermittent low rumbles while flying over the volcano, the only active one in the Eastern Pacific. It started erupting in August and by late in September had built a cone more than 1,000 feet high.

Ball said visibility during the flight was very poor. He had to fly through a series of storms with ice and snow at 10,000 feet.

Scientists aboard the plane were: James M. Snodgrass, head of the Special Divisions Department, and Douglas L. Inman and Adrian Richards, geologists.

In addition to attempts to photograph the volcano efforts were made to record the sounds. Results of the sound recordings will not be known until tomorrow.—Associated Press.

## A NEW VENUS DISCOVERED

Naples, Nov. 16.

A new Venus has been discovered at excavations near here. This one, too, is without arms. It is a finely chiselled bust of the goddess, much larger than life size. It was found in ruins at Maseria del Gigante. Italian archaeologists describe it as one of the most important discoveries in many years.—Associated Press.

## EUROPE SHIVERS Winter Arrives Suddenly

London, Nov. 16.

West Europe shivered in the grip of winter—today with freezing temperatures and reports of heavy snow-falls in the north.

Thousands of skiers were out on snow-clad mountain slopes in the Austrian Tyrol where winter sports were in full swing. Danger of avalanches had passed because of an unusually severe frost. Temperatures dipped to -10 deg. C (or 3.2 deg. F).

In Hanover, Lower Saxony, West Germany, traffic was held up until snow ploughs cleared roads blocked by deep snow.

Cloudy skies and intermittent snow squalls continue throughout Switzerland.

Freezing temperatures in the uplands have made mountain roads dangerous and drivers are warned to use chains.

In Paris icy winds blowing under an overcast sky brought the temperature down to 6 deg. C (or 42.8 deg. F). Light snow-falls were forecast tonight in Paris and Normandy and morning frost in most parts of Northern France.

In Copenhagen heavy snow this afternoon surprised Danes who do not expect such thick falls until late December.

In Holland sleet and rain poured from a cloudy sky with temperatures hovering around freezing point.

The first snow of winter fell in Brussels tonight as temperatures fell to around freezing point.

Snow also fell in West Belgium and over the Ardennes in the east.—Reuter.

## Fatal Fall Through Hatch

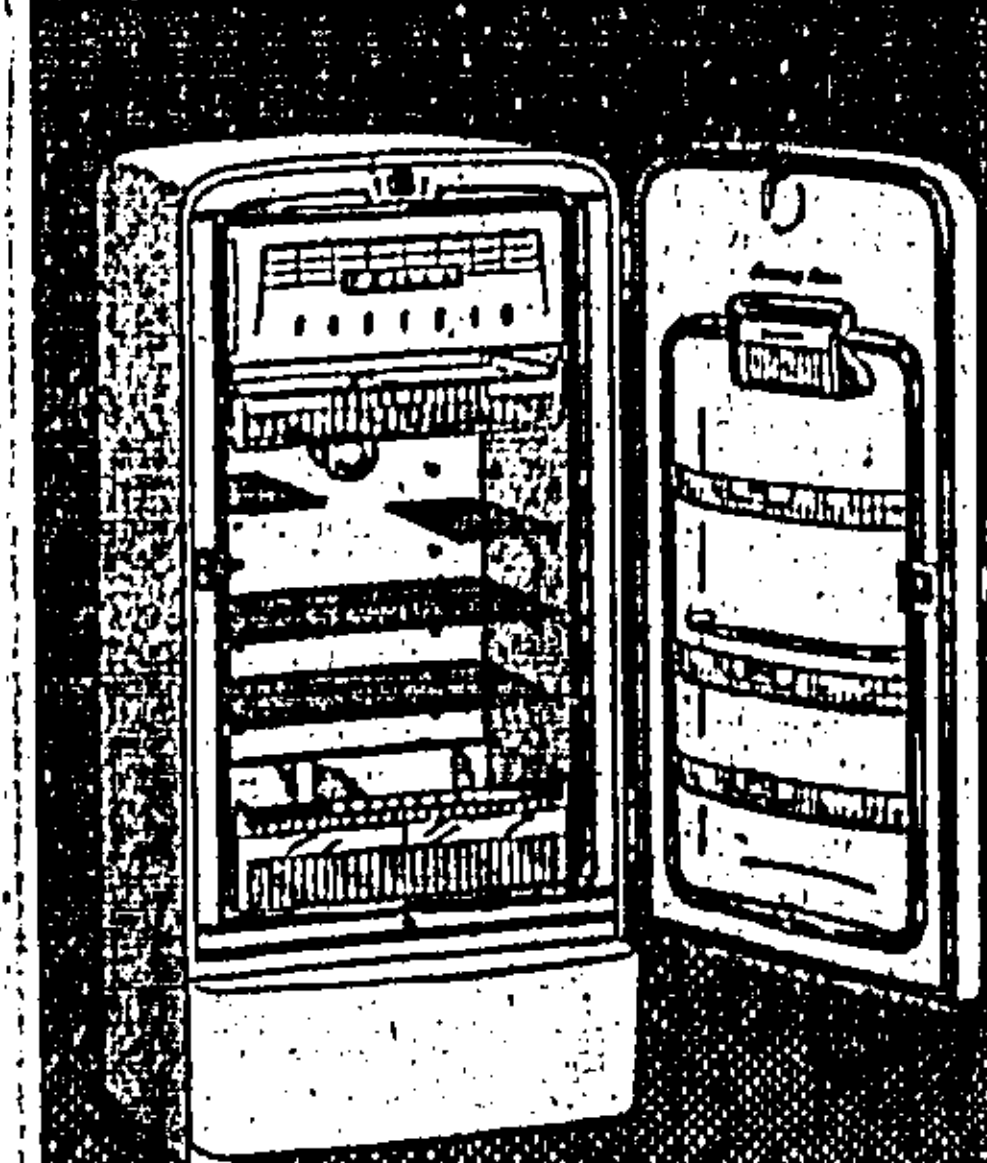
Calcutta, Nov. 16.

A fire brigade rescue squad, pumping water out of the 8,400-ton cargo vessel City of Bristol yesterday found the body of Chief Officer Jack Drummond lying on a pile of manganese ore in the bottom of a hold.

He had fallen 45 feet through a burning jute hatch which caught fire the day before and burned for 12 hours before it was extinguished.

The City of Bristol arrived at Kidderpore docks from Calcutta, East Pakistan, with a cargo of jute and was loading manganese ore for the United States when the fire was first discovered.—Reuter.

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# BISHOP RALLIES PEOPLE Prelate's Role In Repulse Of Vietminh Assault



Paris, Nov. 16.

Monsignor Le Huu Tu, Vicar Apostolic in Phat Diem, and the largely Catholic population of the town helped Franco-Vietnamese forces to repel Vietminh rebel forces and regain control of Phat Diem, 75 miles southeast of Hanoi, last night, according to reports reaching Paris today.

French observers reported that the Prelate's courage and coolness had a great effect on the morale of the population.

Observers here recalled that Monsignor Le Huu Tu, who is Bishop of Da Nang, tried to remain neutral up to 1950, when he finally allowed French forces to move into his diocese. For a time, they said, he was legal adviser to Ho Chi-Minh, the Vietminh rebel leader.

Vietminh forces yesterday night ambushed two Franco-Vietnamese patrols at Nam Dinh and Kien-Binh, the reports added. Thirty rebels were believed to have been killed while Franco-Vietnamese casualties were eight killed.

Vietminh forces withdrew in disorder after fighter planes and tanks were called to the rescue by the ambushed patrols.

In South Vietnam, near Tay-Ninh, Vietminh rebels two days ago attacked a small post held by loyal Vietnam partisans, killing 11 and wounding 17. It was reported today. Women and children were among the dead.

The French High Command announced in Hanoi today that Franco-Vietnamese forces captured about 250 tons of Vietminh arms and equipment in the recent operation "Lorraine" in the Tongkin area.

During the "Lorraine" operation, French forces also destroyed 40 tons of rice intended for Vietminh rebels.—Reuter.

**COMMUNISM vs. CHRISTIANITY**

Birmingham, Nov. 16.

Mr. Richard Stokes, Cabinet Minister in the last Labour Government, said today that it was no longer a battle of capital versus labour or nation versus nation, but of Communism against the practice of Christian principles.

Mr. Stokes told the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists that to be anti-Communist was not enough. They must show, as only practising Christians could, that there was a positive alternative which outbid anything totalitarian—materialism could offer.—Reuter.

**Everest Climbers Mystery**

Khatmandu, Nov. 16.

Latest reports reaching here placed the Swiss Everest expedition at only 200 feet below the summit—or over 600 feet higher than any point known to have been reached so far.

But these reports were not confirmed by sources in regular contact with the mountaineers.

These sources said yesterday that the expedition was now on its way home. But they were unable to say whether it was beaten back, whether some of its members had become the first known human beings to place foot on the summit or what height had been reached.

In the first Swiss expedition last Spring, Alpine climber Raymond Lambert and the Sherpa guide Tensing reached to within 900 feet of the summit, probably the highest point then reached and survived by man. These two were again in the present assault party.

Two of the 1923 British expedition are believed to have also climbed to within 900 feet of the summit—George Leigh Mallory and Andrew Irvine. They never returned from their final bid to conquer the peak.

The present expedition, second by the Swiss and the tenth challenge to the towering peak, set out from Khatmandu under Dr. Gabriel Chevalley on September 10. It was equipped with lighter oxygen apparatus than that carried by the previous Swiss expedition earlier this year.—Reuter.

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**Authoress To Try Again**

Las Palmas, Nov. 15.

Mrs. Ann Davison, 38-year-old English authoress, plans to leave the Canary Islands on Monday in her tiny yacht "Felicity" in a lone bid to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

She tried to cross the Atlantic three years ago with her husband, Frank, to begin a new life in America. Heavy seas hit their 70-foot ketch "Trellance" and sank it. Frank Davison was drowned.—Reuter.

**ANCIENT CHRISTIAN DRAWING**

Believed To Be The Oldest Known

London, Nov. 16.

What is believed to be the most ancient Christian inscription so far known has been discovered in Rome by a young archaeologist, Signor E. Parata of the Pontific Institute of Christian Archaeology, the Vatican Radio reported tonight.

The inscription, found on a wall of Caesar's Palace on the Palatine Hill, is believed to have been made in 78 A.D. by a Christian servant of the imperial palace.

It gives the name of the Consul and speaks of Christ. There was also a drawing of an anchor.—Reuter.

**CYPRUS FIND**

Nicosia, Nov. 16.

The Pennsylvania University Museum expedition during its excavations at Curium, a Greek and Roman period site in South Cyprus, has unearthed a unique mosaic floor.

The mosaic, dating back over 2,000 years, depicts a scene from Homer's Iliad in brilliant colour and detail. It shows Achilles as its central figure in flowing garments and with his famous shield uplifted. It also portrays Ulysses similarly clad and armed.

It is thought to illustrate Achilles' decision to end his inaction and join battle against the Trojans following receipt of the news of his friend Patroclus' death in battle.

The mosaic bears the word Achilles in Greek classical capital lettering in the top left hand corner.—Reuter.

**WOMEN HOPE FOR POSTS**

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## Arms Talks In Ottawa

Ottawa, Nov. 15. Anglo-American talks here have made progress in deciding what each country should do in developing new arms and equipment, an official statement said today.

Discussion covered the majority of arms and equipment used by the infantry.

The rifle was an exception since it is under discussion elsewhere. The purpose of the conference is to prevent a repetition of the Anglo-American dispute over a common rifle—the American .300 or the new British .280—Reuter.

## PAPAGOS' ELECTION VICTORY

Athens, Nov. 17. Field Marshal Alexander Papagos' Greek Rally Party appeared early today to have won an unbeatable lead in the nationwide Parliamentary elections aimed at giving Greece a durable government.

Marshall Papagos claimed victory at midnight as incomplete returns rolled up a commanding lead for his Party over the Liberal and Moderate Leftist coalition of the former Premier, Nicholas Plastiras and Sophocles Venizelos.

The Marshall's Right Wing forces were running up a popular vote of close to 50 per cent and it was believed they may win as many as 250 of the 300 Parliamentary seats.

According to available results, the coalition retained only 23 seats in Parliament. Venizelos was returned to office but Sophocles lost his seat.

At midnight, when political leaders acknowledged a Right Wing victory, Marshall Papagos stated he was deeply touched by the results. He promised to give Greece a creative regime which would correspond fully with the expectations of brother nations fighting for liberty and democracy.

First returns in the voting indicated a landslide victory for Marshall Papagos.

Official figures for Athens gave the Greek Rally 37,100 votes out of 73,500 votes cast, followed by 25,500 for the centre coalition parties, led by General Nicholas Plastiras and Sophocles Venizelos, and 9,300 for the Democratic Leftwing EDA strongly supported by the out-lawed Communists.

All provincial returns indicated big gains for the Greek Rally. Even Salonika—stronghold of the centre parties—gave a slight majority to Field-Marshal Papagos after results from one third of the polling stations had been counted.

A pro-Papagos vote was recorded also in Macedonia and Thrace, Komotini, Cavalla and Serres. But first returns from Crete showed the coalition parties leading.—United Press and Reuter.

## Three Main Reasons Why Lie Resigned

### UN OFFICIAL'S REVELATION

New York, Nov. 16.

Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General, resigned for three main reasons, including the effects of the investigation of American Communist infiltration in the U.N. Secretariat, an assistant to Mr Lie said today.

Benjamin A. Cohen, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the U.N. Department of Public Information, was asked for the "low-down" on Mr Lie's resignation after a speech at a social workers' conference.

Mr Cohen said the main reasons for Mr Lie's resignation were:

The U. S. Senate and Grand Jury probes of American Communists in the Secretariat;

Mr Lie's distress over failure of a bloc of nations to accept him as a peace-maker, and difficulties attached to the U.N. budget.

Mr Lie was distressed, Mr Cohen said, by the difficult situation arising from a few American members of the Secretariat involved in activities not acceptable to the American people.

In an apparent reference to the suicide last Thursday of

Abraham H. Feller, chief counsel to the Secretary-General, Mr Cohen added:

"As you know, we paid for this situation with the life of one man trying to observe loyalty to the United States and the United Nations."

"With a Secretariat of over 2,000 people," Mr Cohen said, "and with something like 20 persons involved, it certainly does not warrant the assertion that the United Nations is a nest of spies and saboteurs trying to undermine the safety of the United States."

### DISTRESSED

Mr Cohen said some nations (which he did not name) "tried to punish Mr Lie" for accepting a second term. The Russians had refused to recognise Mr Lie as Secretary-General since his first five-year term ended in 1951.

"He was distressed by the fact that a group of countries ignored him as Secretary-General," Mr Cohen said, adding that Mr Lie felt the situation would harm the peace-making functions of the U.N.

Mr Lie's support of the U.N. action on Korea led Russia to refuse to deal with him.

Mr Cohen said the Secretary-General also had to fight each year for the basic budget of nearly \$50,000,000 needed by the U.N. and "this is a very heart-rending thing," Associated Press.

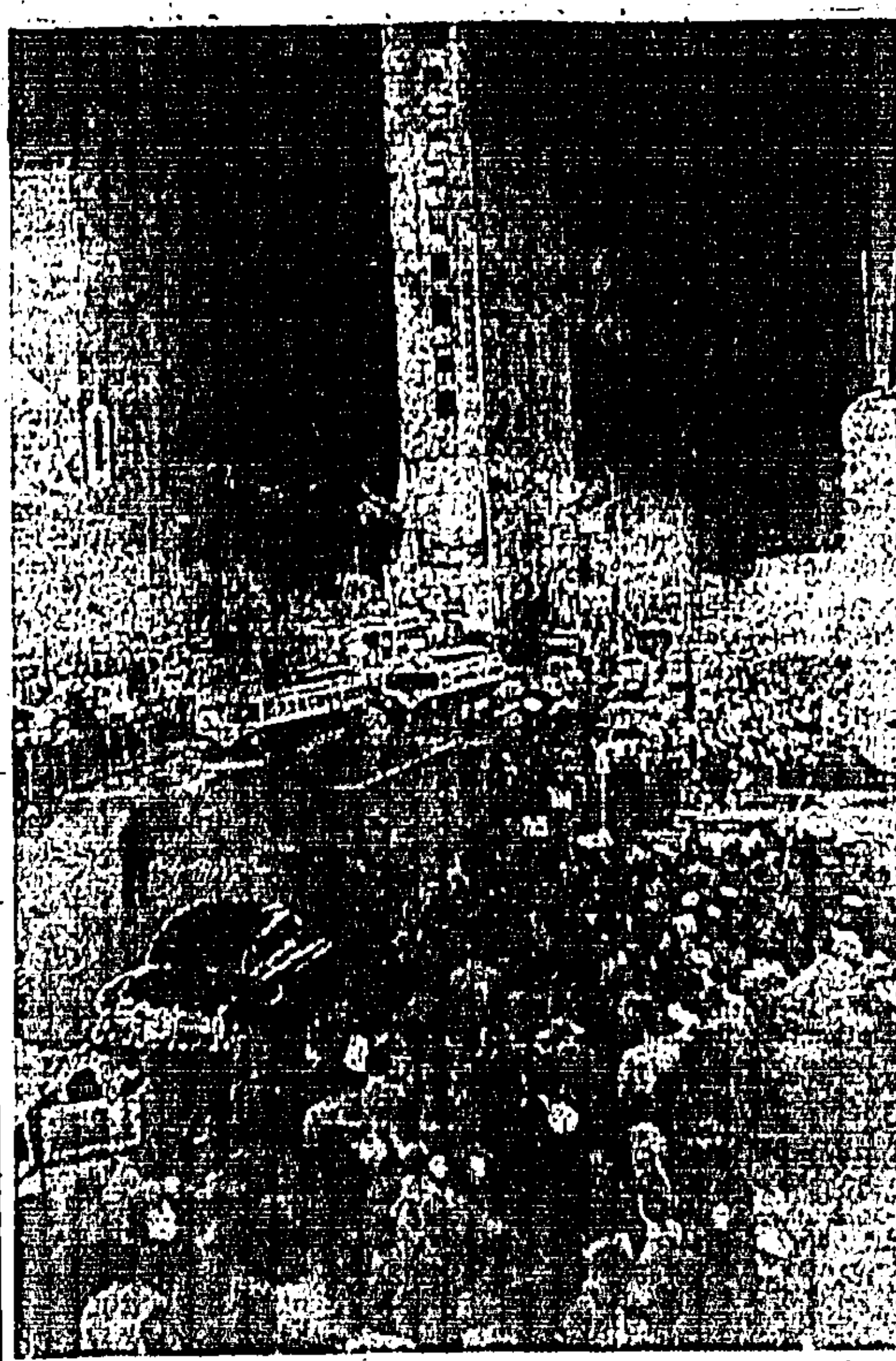
### FELLER'S BURIAL

New York, Nov. 16. High Government and United Nations officials, including the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, and United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie, attended the funeral services today for Abraham H. Feller, United Nations general counsel and acting Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs who leaped to his death from his New York City flat last Thursday.

Some 1,000 persons were turned away from the Riverside Memorial Chapel because the Chapel, with a capacity of 600, was jammed with some 200 standees.

Others attending included Sir Gladwyn Jebb, chief of the British United Nations delegation, Dr Ralph Bunche, head of the Trusteeship Department and General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines.—Associated Press.

## Waiting For The Result



One of the first pictures received of presidential election scenes in the United States shows a general view of Times Square, New York, on election night with huge crowds watching the election results on a specially erected electric sign on the Times Building.—Express Photo.

## Ceylon's Receipts From Rubber Sale Show Big Decline

Colombo, Nov. 16.

Ceylon's income from rubber is down, her volume of rubber exports is down and the dollar earnings from rubber are down.

These facts emerge from September's Customs returns, according to which the total income from rubber exports for the first nine months of the year were only Rs.287,161,599 compared with Rs.432,702,943 in the corresponding period last year.

Comparative figures for volume of rubber exports for September were 153,095,390 lbs. and 103,023,143 lbs. The volume of exports to the United States and the consequent dollar earnings are 27,286,732 lbs. at Rs. 47,456,831 compared with 36,490,905 lbs. at Rs.91,089,302.

China has been the biggest buyer of Ceylon rubber during January-September. Rubber exports to China during the first nine months of this year were 40,478,191 lbs. valued at Rs.83,740,536. Ceylon rubber exports to China during the corresponding period last year were 47,470,400 lbs. valued at Rs.22,367,593.

China also bought the most rubber in September—7,802,000 lbs. at Rs.13,537,176. The second and third places were held by the United Kingdom and the United States.

The United Kingdom in the nine months bought 28,668,769 lbs.

## Democratic Party Draws Up A United 'Battle Plan'

Washington, Nov. 16.

With President Truman headed for retirement, Democratic Senators have devised a united "battle plan" which, they said today, should return their Congressional majority in 1954 and recapture the White House in 1956.

The plan is to play down sectional differences and in the next two years concentrate on unity in broader matters relating to national, fiscal and social welfare problems.

Senator John Sparkman, Vice-Presidential candidate on the defeated Democratic national ticket, hung the label of "battle plan" on the informal programme which has been developing among senatorial party leaders since their majority status vanished overnight in the Eisenhower landslide 12 days ago.

Mr Sparkman said the minority party is "pretty well unified now" and in the new Congress will be ready to co-operate on constructive proposals. He said: "We won't oppose just for the sake of opposing."

A cross-check of Senate Democrats from all sections produced this "battle plan" picture:

1. No fight in Congress over the question of Democratic leadership. In the area from the Atlantic seaboard to the Rocky Mountains and from New England to the Mason-Dixon Line only eight Democratic Senators will be present for the 82nd Congress. Leadership posts will be coded virtually without question to Southern and border State Senators.

2. The prize plum the minority party can offer—the Democratic floor leader—will go to Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas possibly without the whisper of a challenge.

### A FRESH START

3. Real attempts to co-operate among themselves on problems involving sectional differences.

4. Assistance in keeping Governor Adlai Stevenson of

Illinois, defeated Democratic Presidential nominee, in the public eye as titular head of the party.

5. Co-operation wherever possible with the incoming Eisenhower administration. Many Republican leaders, especially Mr Eisenhower, will run afoul of trouble within the Republican organisation at a relatively early date and will become more dependent upon minority party co-operation.

Underlying the planning is the general belief that with Mr Truman's departure the Democratic Party can, in effect, get a fresh start divorced from the accumulated criticisms built up in 20 unbroken years of Democratic administration.

Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa, one of the three remaining Democratic Senators from the Mid-West and leading behind-the-scenes strategist, keynoted the move toward Congressional unity. Party strength is tenuous in the Upper House, Mr Gillette reminded his colleagues, with only five Senators from seaboard and Northern States. In these areas of low Democratic representation, Mr Gillette said, the question of future political dominance will be settled.

### SOLID FRONT

He said: "It means that our programme, leadership and policies must be such as not to lessen strength in those areas but to increase it. Therefore our policies must not and will not be determined on a basis of sectional and area interests."

Both Mr Gillette and Mr Sparkman said the Republican triumph was a personal victory for Mr Eisenhower rather than the Republican Party. Mr Sparkman said the election outcome neither represented nor foretold a major realignment of the social and economic groups which were welded in a loosely knit coalition from which the Democrats drew political strength. He said: "The Democratic Party remains even in defeat the party which is interested in the average person of moderate means."

Of Mr Eisenhower's successes in the South where he carried four States, Mr Sparkman said: "Even most of his Southern supporters refuse today to be termed Republicans and many of the Southern newspapers which supported Mr Eisenhower now are paying glowing tributes to Mr Stevenson."

Senator Johnson of Texas, with the minority leadership virtually in his pocket, said he would aim at achieving a solid Democratic front on national issues and had advanced pledges of assistance from numerous members.—United Press.

## Middle East Defence

### Planning Board To Be Appointed

London, Nov. 16.

High military representatives will be appointed shortly for consultation on the projected seven-nation Middle East defence planning board and a meeting is envisaged early in the New Year.

The meeting will be preceded, however, by discussions on overall Middle Eastern defence problems and strategy at the North Atlantic Council meeting in Paris next month.

Turkey's position will then be fully clarified, after the recent talks in London by the Turkish Premier and Foreign Minister and the visit to Turkey of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe General Matthew Ridgway.

Britain's Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, General Sir Brian Robertson, who is now touring the Middle East countries, is also expected to produce a report in time on the latest "strategic thinking" in the hotly-contested area.

A number of important problems still remain to be worked out and agreed to by the seven projected founder nations of the Middle East defence planning board, including the United States, Britain, France, Turkey and the three Commonwealth nations, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

### CYPRUS BASE

Foremost among these issues is the role to be played by the Middle East nations themselves. Exchanges through diplomatic channels were said officially today to be in full progress on the nature of the link-up of the defence planning board with Middle Eastern countries, which in turn are also being informally contacted.

Earlier this week Air Vice-Marshal A.G.H. Stamp, Director of Organisation of the Royal Air Force, left for Cyprus en route to Middle East RAF stations. His stop in Cyprus was linked here with the British plan to make Cyprus a Middle East defence planning centre.

That NATO planners would pay much attention to Middle East problems in their December 15 meeting was considered almost certain by official quarters here.—United Press.

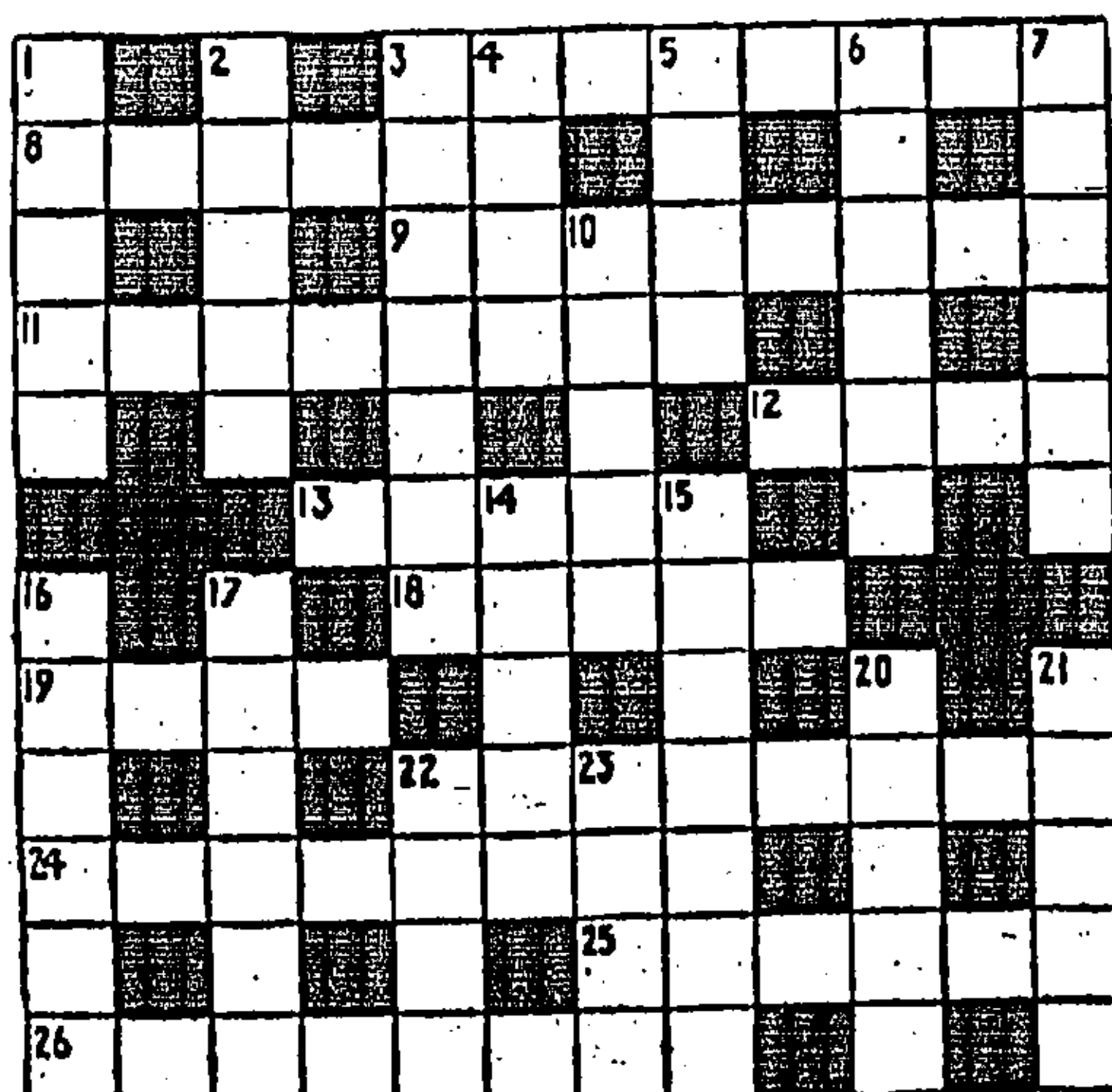
## WANT RILEY DISMISSED

Jerusalem, Nov. 16.

The Arab delegations to the Mixed Armistice Commission will demand from the U.N. dismissal of General William E. Riley, chief of the U.N. truce supervision organisation for Palestine, a reliable source said today.

The Arab Governments accused General Riley of being biased in favour of Israel. The Jordan, Syrian, Egyptian and Lebanese delegations to the Mixed Commission are meeting tomorrow in Amman, Jordan, to discuss means of solidifying relations between them.—Associated Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Set out (8)
- 8 Chase (6)
- 9 Towards (8)
- 11 Makes up (8)
- 12 Dregs (4)
- 13 Heavenly body (5)
- 18 Rustic (6)
- 19 Wander (4)
- 22 Misers (8)
- 24 Very hot (8)
- 25 Servant (6)
- 26 Opposed (3)

### DOWN

- 1 Season (5)
- 2 Vagrant (5)
- 3 Accountant (7)
- 4 Actual (4)
- 5 Deeds (4)
- 6 Band worn to keep stocking up (6)
- 7 Refrain from (6)
- 10 Drain (6)
- 14 Harmony (6)
- 15 Knotted (7)
- 16 Shell-hole (6)
- 17 Nod (6)
- 20 Feature (5)
- 21 Secured song (5)
- 22 Pinches (4)
- 23 Plucky (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—3 Costumes, 7 Incur, 8 Arrived, 10 Relate, 13 Express, 17 Slope, 17 Eastern, 18 Con-sider, 23 Aloc, 21 Tipples, 23 Result, 27 Tribunes, 28 Trite, 20 Shelters. Down—1 Litre, 2 Soap, 3 Crate, 4 Tied, 5 Mettle, 6 Sudden, 9 Resent, 11 Exalt, 12 Arise, 14 Satire, 15 Stops, 16 Oriole, 18 Cactus, 19 Notice, 22 Pests, 23 Lucid, 24 Steer, 25 Curt.

## Future Of Sudan: Talks To Resume

Cairo, Nov. 16.

Britain will open new talks with Egypt this week regarding the future of the Sudan.

The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson, is expected to hand the Premier, General Mohammed Naguib, Britain's reply to the Egyptian proposals for self-rule in the Sudan.

Sir Ralph today received Sir James W. Robertson, Civil Secretary in the Sudan Government, and Mr J. G. Macgregor, legal adviser to the Sudan Government, who arrived from Khartoum last night. They discussed the Sudan Government's views on the Egyptian proposals.

The Sudan Government is reported to be opposed to any limitations of the powers of the Governor-General during the transition period to self-government. The Egyptian proposals would have the Governor-General's decisions in certain matters subject to the approval of an International Commission.

Officials in Khartoum also think that it would be impossible to hold direct elections in some districts in the Southern Sudan because of the backwardness of the inhabitants. Egypt proposes that direct elections

for a Constituent Assembly begin shortly.

About 15,000 Cairo university students demanded the restoration of Egyptian parliamentary life and a people's constitution for the country at a meeting held on the anniversary of Martyrs Day yesterday.

The students at Giza greeted the arrival of Premier Mohammed Naguib's representative, Lieutenant-Colonel Abdel Nasser, with shouts of "We want a constitution."

Colonel Nasser laid a wreath on the memorial to students who died in the cause of Egyptian independence and addressed the meeting. He described the army movement, aimed at the liberation of the motherland and the restoration of constitutional life.

At the end of his speech students shouted "Long live the new regime" and "Long live Mohammed Naguib, Egypt's saviour."

Earlier, before Colonel Nasser arrived, several youths were injured in a short scuffle between students, who shouted peace movement slogans, and others who branded them as Communists.—Reuter.

The Chinese offer, in the past recently arranged, of 32d. as against the present 21d. per pound created so much optimism here that producers stopped selling to shippers while rubber dealers were virtually unobtainable.

Two leading business organisations, the low Country Products Association of Ceylon, and the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce held a meeting to consider the full text of the proposed trade pact with China.

S.T. Soya, one of the leading rubber dealers in Colombo, said that if the price of shepi rubber was going to be very much more attractive than that of crepe, producers would produce only shepi. There will therefore be no crops to sell to the United States and Ceylon's dollar earnings will decrease even further.

The President of the Indian Mercantile Chamber, B.R. Rustomjee, said that he did not see anything wrong in Ceylon trading with China. "Great Britain," he said, "is doing a roaring trade with Communist Russia, and I do not see why we should not trade with China."

Ceylon's rubber deals with Red China have also elicited lengthy comments in the United States Press. The "United States News and Review" states that Ceylon, by now selling large amounts of rubber to China, is posing a problem.—United Press.

### Korea Relief Work

Pusan, Nov. 16.

More than 1,371,000 blankets have been allocated by U.N. and Korean authorities for distribution to Koreans needy for the cold winter months ahead, the United Nations Civil Assistance Command (UNCAK) said today.—Associated Press.

## Historian's Verdict On Communism

London, Nov. 16.

Professor Arnold Toynbee, eminent British historian, said in a broadcast tonight that Communism had already proved itself a more effective anti-Western weapon in Russian hands than any material weapon could ever be.

Communism was a weapon just like bombs, aeroplanes and guns, he said.

By adopting it and using it as a weapon Russia had turned the tables on the West and had become, since 1945, the aggressor in the world.

For four-and-a-half centuries before that, it was the Western world which had, on the whole, been the aggressor.

Professor Toynbee said the weapon that Russia was now using so effectively could never have become her official ideology if it had not been invented in the West.

He said that for the first time in the modern Western world's history the West finds itself threatened with a spiritual disintegration from inside as well as an assault from outside.

"In thus threatening to undermine the Western civilisation's foundations on the West's home ground, Communism has already proved itself a more effective anti-Western weapon in Russian hands than any material weapon could ever be."—Reuter.

## Round-Up In Rhine Zone


Amberg, Nov. 16.

District Police Headquarters announced today the arrest of several Germans on charges of preparing treason and forming subversive organisations.


A brief police announcement did not specify how many persons were rounded up or reveal further details, pending completion of the investigation.

An unconfirmed report said seven persons were seized and several others were sought. It said the suspects, including a former Nazi District Leader, were engaged in Nazi-like activities.

Amberg is in the British-occupied State of North Rhine-Westphalia.—Associated Press.



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# THE FAMILY IN THE BIG HOUSE ARE DOING WELL

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

WHEN I was a small boy in Toronto there was a big house up the street at which I used to gaze in awe. It belonged to a Dr Moorehouse and, to my youthful eyes, he seemed rich and powerful. When he went along the street, carrying his satchel, it was as if Rockefeller or the Shah of Persia, or even the Mayor of Toronto, had passed our way.

The Moorehouse family were not only neighbours but a dynasty. Unhappily I do not know what happened to the dynasty. There were sons but, like Carthage, they seem to have disappeared into the mists.

Today in London there is a family who live in a big house, not exactly at the head of the street, but in grounds of its own. They are citizens of the Borough of Westminster and no doubt pay rates and taxes to the local treasurer. They are also on the voters lists for Parliamentary and local government, although I am not certain that they exercise their right very often, if at all.

My first awareness of this family was on an exciting day in Toronto when a horse and buggy drove up to our house and the man handed them over to my father just as if it were his very own, instead of being hired for the afternoon. But suddenly my mother came out in a burst of tears and said that we could not go driving because Queen Victoria had died. Not to be outdone we five children wept very loud indeed, but our grief was not unmingled with the regret that there was to be no buggy ride.

The years went on until my brother and I joined the Queen's Own Rifles, not out of any passion for militarism or any sense of duty, but because there was to be a great pageant on the Plains of Abraham far away in Quebec to celebrate the anniversary of Wolfe's defeat of Montcalm. And the Prince of Wales, the son of King Edward VII, was to inspect us in person.

## HOW EXCITING

WHEN we marched past in the line for it seems that we were a line regiment or something—Lord Roberts, the famous "Bobs" of the South African War, rode at our head, for unknown to my brother or myself he was our Colonel-in-Chief. In the centre was the rather sad looking Prince of Wales, also on a horse.

But how exciting it was to see in the river the grey British battleships, a couple of French cruisers and one or two white gleaming American fighting ships. The world had come to Quebec! I wondered if some day, somehow, I would be able to cross the ocean and see London and perhaps Paris. It seemed unlikely, for my father was a philosopher who did not vibrate to the money medium, and as an office boy at three dollars a week it was even more unlikely that I would ever accumulate enough funds for the purpose.

Somewhere about that time King Edward VII died, but my mother did not know. She was the sure that King Edward had been a good man, and in her eyes goodness was the supreme human quality. However, I felt a certain personal pride that the sad eyed Prince of Wales, who had watched us do the March Past, was now the King. To that extent, although at a great distance, I was beginning to know the family.

August 1914! The King needed us, or, at any rate, that is what the newspapers said. My brother had died or he would have been among the first. With the realisation that the war would only be a matter of two or three months, I did not bother to enlist, although it would have been fun to have seen London at the Government's expense.

## VERY BUSY

YET it was hard to walk past the recruiting sergeants on the street. "What about joining up?" "It's a man's life, son." "We've got a job for you. Your King and country need you." All right, I'll go quietly. So, after a period of training, I sailed in the Olympic with 8,000 other Canadian soldiers and saw England loom up from the mists.

The family in the Big House were very busy. The King and Queen went everywhere encouraging the people, but the young Prince of Wales was causing a lot of trouble by insisting on going to France. His younger brother, Albert, was at sea with the Fleet because he was a naval officer, but we

were not much interested in him. He wasn't photogenic like the Prince of Wales. There were also Prince Henry, Prince George and Princess Mary, but they were too young to be of much account.

When the war was over I returned to Canada and was among those who stood on the balcony of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and watched the launch come across the bay with the Prince of Wales standing in the prow. As the launch slowed down he waved to the people on the club lawn, a shy, diffident wave of his hand that was strangely moving. So many of our young men had not returned. In his slim, sensitive youth, Edward seemed to be speaking for the silent battalions of the dead.

January 1920. From the decks of the liner *Metopana* I watched the coastline of Canada fade from view. Often in the years ahead I was to come back but only as a visitor. War, that arbiter of human fate, had altered my life. No longer would I gaze respectfully at the Big House of Dr Moorehouse at the end of the street. London was to be my home.

## FIERCELY PROUD

AS far as the family at Buckingham Palace was concerned, the daughter, Mary, had married, but she lived mostly in Yorkshire and we saw little of her. The Prince of Wales seemed determined to remain a bachelor, but one day it was announced that his brother Albert—breaking with tradition—was going to marry a Scottish girl who had some Royal blood in her veins but was not actually a Royal Person.

They were married in a church, of course. In fact, they were married in Westminster Abbey, and it was quite an affair. The black-haired Scottish kinsmen of the bride, in their national costume, stood fiercely proud at one side of the chancel. Supporting the groom was the Prince of Wales as best man, and he very nearly stole the picture.

The neighbours turned out in force, and a lot of people who weren't neighbours at all stood outside. The Prime Minister, Bonar Law, looked terribly drawn and weary, for indeed death was already beckoning to him. Margo Asquith cut Lord George as they met by accident in the doorway. There were all sorts of generals and admirals with clusters of medals gathered in some jolly old campaigns in all sorts of places.

But on the whole it was not a great occasion. The brother of a future king seldom in flames the imagination any more than a sister of a king. Wherever he went, whatever the role, the star was Edward the Prince of Hearts.

## NATION WEPT

BUT princes and commoners have two experiences that they share. They come into the world and they leave the world when their story is ended. One day the newspapers told us that the King was seriously ill and then, one night, we heard the sad repeated words of the BBC announcer: "The King's life is drawing peacefully to a close."

Almost with a sense of guilt we realised that there was passing from the Big House and from our lives a man, and a king, who had devoted his whole life to the service of his people. It would seem strange not to see him and his wife driving in their coach on state occasions. A nation is not unlike a family, and our voices were hushed as if one's own father was lying dead.

Naturally, the second son, Albert, and his Scottish wife came to the Big House, leaving their two tiny little daughters at home. So did the Duke of Kent and the Duke of Gloucester with their pretty wives. Princess Mary joined them from Yorkshire. The head of the family was dead and the blinds were drawn.

The nation wept for this good man. With my fellow militiamen I had marched past him at Quebec. Now as a member of Parliament I was to stand with the peers and commoners in Westminster Hall to receive the dead body. The hoarse commands of the escorting officers rang out in the misty, drizzling air outside. Silently they carried his coffin into Westminster Hall.

Behind the coffin came the lonely figure of Edward VIII. He walked alone because of all the children he had not taken unto himself a mate. There were many of us who looked

at that lonely, wistful figure, and wondered what the fate held for him.

That night, unknown to the thousands of people passing the coffin on its dais, the four sons in uniform mounted guard. Motionless they stood with their hands resting on their sword, their helmeted heads bowed low.

The King is dead... another King is proclaimed but never to be crowned. There is deep, deep trouble in the Big House. Things have gone wrong.

## WAR AGAIN

ABDICATION... Coronation.

There was no question about it—Princess Margaret was behaving pretty badly in the Abbey. It is true that her little legs could not touch the floor but that was no excuse for her swinging them at the very moment that her father and mother were being crowned. Quite rightly, Elizabeth told her to keep her legs still. Margaret looked as demure as a little angel, but then the legs started swinging again. For a well brought up child she ought to have known better but, like her uncle, she liked doing things her own way.

After the Coronation the King and Queen visited Canada. Then there was war again. One day the Queen came to Oliver Stanley's house to meet a few members of the Commons. She said to me: "Our trip across Canada was like a second Coronation," and her eyes were moist. The Abdication had darkened the people's hearts in Britain. Canada had taken them in its arms.

The war... the war... the war... The family in the Big House would not leave London, even though the bombers came every night. But they were Londoners.

Princess Elizabeth was a WAAC or something in uniform. Margaret was too young to be anything. But we didn't pay much attention because there were a lot of things happening.

Our town was being badly smashed up. One Saturday night, a bomb destroyed the House of Commons. That was a bad night. More than three thousand people were killed.

Peace... or at any rate the end of the war. Quite frankly, it looked as if Princess Elizabeth was not going to be a very attractive young woman. Her face lacked animation and she did not wear her clothes particularly well. Actually she was a bit gawky, which is another way of saying that she was shy.

The family went away to South Africa for a holiday, or as much of a holiday as Royalty can ever get. We heard Elizabeth on the radio dedicating herself to the service of her people. She sounded almost like a little girl. A few weeks later, after they had returned, there was a garden party in the grounds of the Big House, and as a neighbour I went along to see the fun. There were all sorts and sizes of people drinking tea and stuffing themselves with cakes. I saw the King walking towards us with a slim, smart, lovely young woman beside him. Whoever she was, she was absolutely sure of herself, and she wore her frock as if it was designed for her and for her alone.

## ELIZABETH

It was Elizabeth. She had gone to South Africa a girl. She had come back a young woman. Truly the female of the species is a wonderful and inexplicable affair. The female grows up by moments, not by years.

"Philip, do you take this woman Elizabeth to be your lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold..."

It was just the same service as when you and the rest of us got married, and when I got married. When it was over we cheered our heads off. They really were a charming pair, and the whole neighbourhood was delighted that they had had such a lovely wedding. A year later the crowds waited outside the Big House, waiting for the new Queen.

ed and waited. And then came the news. "It's a boy." Right across London and across the world went the jubilant cry. "It's a boy!" Little girls are so much nicer, but the desire in king and commoner is to have a boy first.

Not very long ago the Queen came to the House of Lords to open her first Parliament. As the lights went up on the brilliant coloured scene she entered slowly with her husband guiding her with her hand in his held high.

Because she was not yet crowned she had to take the Oath of Service to her people, and then she read the Speech from the Throne.

## THE SISTERS

SHE looked radiantly lovely, and to our delight her voice had acquired lower notes that filled the famous place, for all its bad acoustics, without difficulty. She even made it sound as if her Government really meant business in this new session. As husband, consort and adviser, the Duke of Edinburgh watched her with intense concentration. When she had finished her speech his face relaxed for the first time.

With all the pageantry, with all the colour and pomp and circumstance, there was one incident that stood out for its simple elemental humanity.

It was at the end, when the Queen, on her husband's arm, walked slowly down the steps, and as they reached the car opposite, Princess Margaret. They were five yards apart and their eyes met.

Margaret's face broke into a swift smile. It meant only one thing, and meant it clearly: "Sister, you were good!"

The Sovereign and the Princess were, for that split second, two sisters and nothing more. We had youth and courage and happiness. It may well be that this girl Queen of ours will bring reality to those words: "Happy and Glorious."

In fact, the family in the Big House are doing well. They are popular with the neighbourhood, and we hope that they will be among us for many, many years.

And you must not mind if we all get a bit excited about the Coronation next year. This much I am certain—Margaret will be much better behaved than she was last time.

## 'TOP SECRET': YOU BE THE JUDGE

# Would this film

... which gets its laughs by exploiting a touchy international situation ...

# outrage you?

I HAVE just seen a daring British film. You may decide that it is a dangerous and ill-timed film too.

Its name is—TOP SECRET.

Already, amid the laughs and cheers with which audiences have greeted it at a couple of "sneak" previews, there have been boos and angry complaints.

Now why, even before its official premiere in London next month, has "Top Secret" started argument and disputation?

Why do some people say to the producer: "Thank heavens you were brave enough to tackle it that way," while others condemn him as a hater of peace and trouble-fomenting for tackling it at all?

Because "Top Secret" takes the cold war as its theme, and does something with it that not even Hollywood has had the courage to attempt yet. It turns the whole thing into a comedy.

## THE HERO IS A PLUMBER

THE background is Moscow and the Kremlin. Stalin comes into the story and is shown scheming with his underlings to gain atomic supremacy and control of the biggest bomb.

But the hero is a little English plumber, and every situation is played for a laugh.

There are laughs over peace petitions and the sort of clothes Soviet women in Moscow wear. There are jokes about Siberia.

The dreaded Soviet secret police are turned into a bunch of incompetent buffoons—much chasing the English plumber over Moscow rooftops and through the ruins of Berlin.

by LEONARD MOSLEY

The hero makes a fool of everybody, including Stalin.

Does this outrage you? Do you consider it appalling that while we teeter on the razor's edge between peace and war someone should be allowed to make a joke of the whole thing?

Does it shock you to see Stalin mocked? He is when all is said and done, head of a Government with which we still have normal diplomatic relations.

While I was watching "Top Secret" I kept wondering to myself how I would feel if the positions were reversed.

Say, for instance, this were a Russian film. The hero would then be a Ukrainian engineer who was smuggled out of Russia and brought to London by our Secret Service—in the belief that he was a famous scientist.

He would be invited to 10, Downing Street to meet Winston Churchill.

He would despise or ridicule everything he saw in Britain, and after proving that Winston and the British Army were just a bunch of dots would finally go happily back behind the Iron Curtain.

Would that offend you? I hope not. I hope that you would still be able to laugh at it, as you undoubtedly will at "Top Secret."

## TOMORROW

Start reading the whole story of this controversial film... and judge for yourself: Is it fun or folly?

## WHAT A RELIEF!

—says

Cummings



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—no more heated political arguments



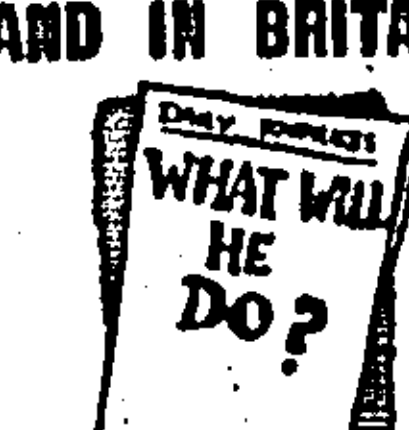
—just these quiet discussions about Dodgers instead



—no more interruptions on our doorsteps



—peace and quiet at last AND IN BRITAIN—



—with American politics

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## SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

— By —

Chapman Pincher

THE RAZOR patent—ed by a Londoner, needs no soap, no brush, no electricity. When a grille is pressed against the face an up-and-down motion of the spring-loaded barrel rotates six blades. Inventor Stanley Elsky hopes to market it soon in plastic for 25s. It worked satisfactorily when I tried it out. It took more than twice as long as the safety-razor method, but I rate the time well spent. I shaved in bed.

## CAN IT HAPPEN?

CAN a healthy person really be frightened to death? After studying the nervous mechanisms which could be responsible for such a catastrophe, doctors think that the answer is Yes.

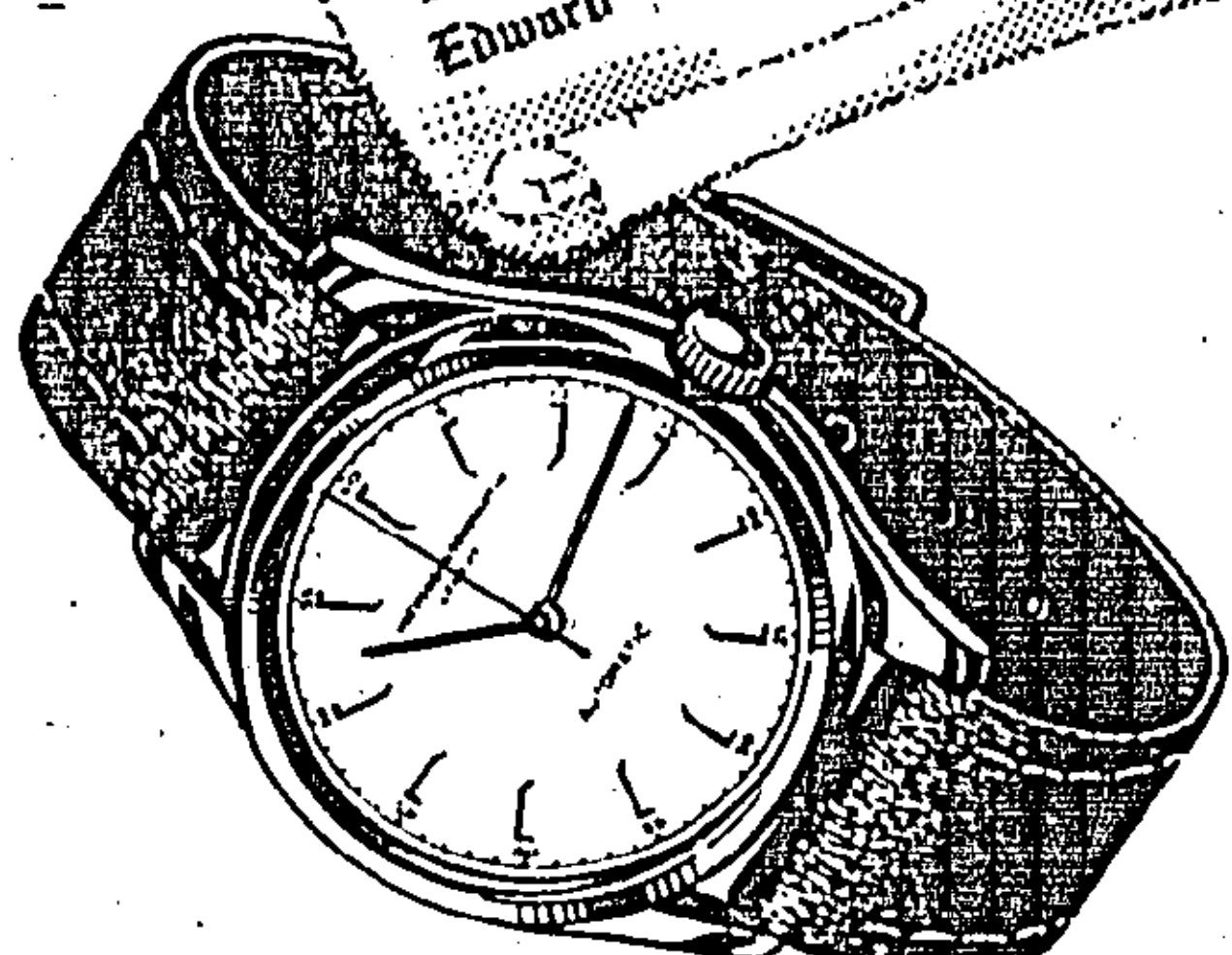
The brain-centred believed to be most concerned with emotion—called the hypothalamus—is linked directly with the heart by nerves. So if it is violently stimulated it can throw the heart into an abnormal type of palpitation which might be fatal.

Dr W. Proctor Harvey supports this theory with a case record of an apparently healthy 23-year-old woman who develops a dangerous type of palpitation when only slightly scared.

But he admits that his theory does not explain Voodoo deaths. Instead of the medicine man's "black magic" power, it is almost certainly the cause of Voodoo death, but it usually wears down the victim gradually instead of by sudden attack.

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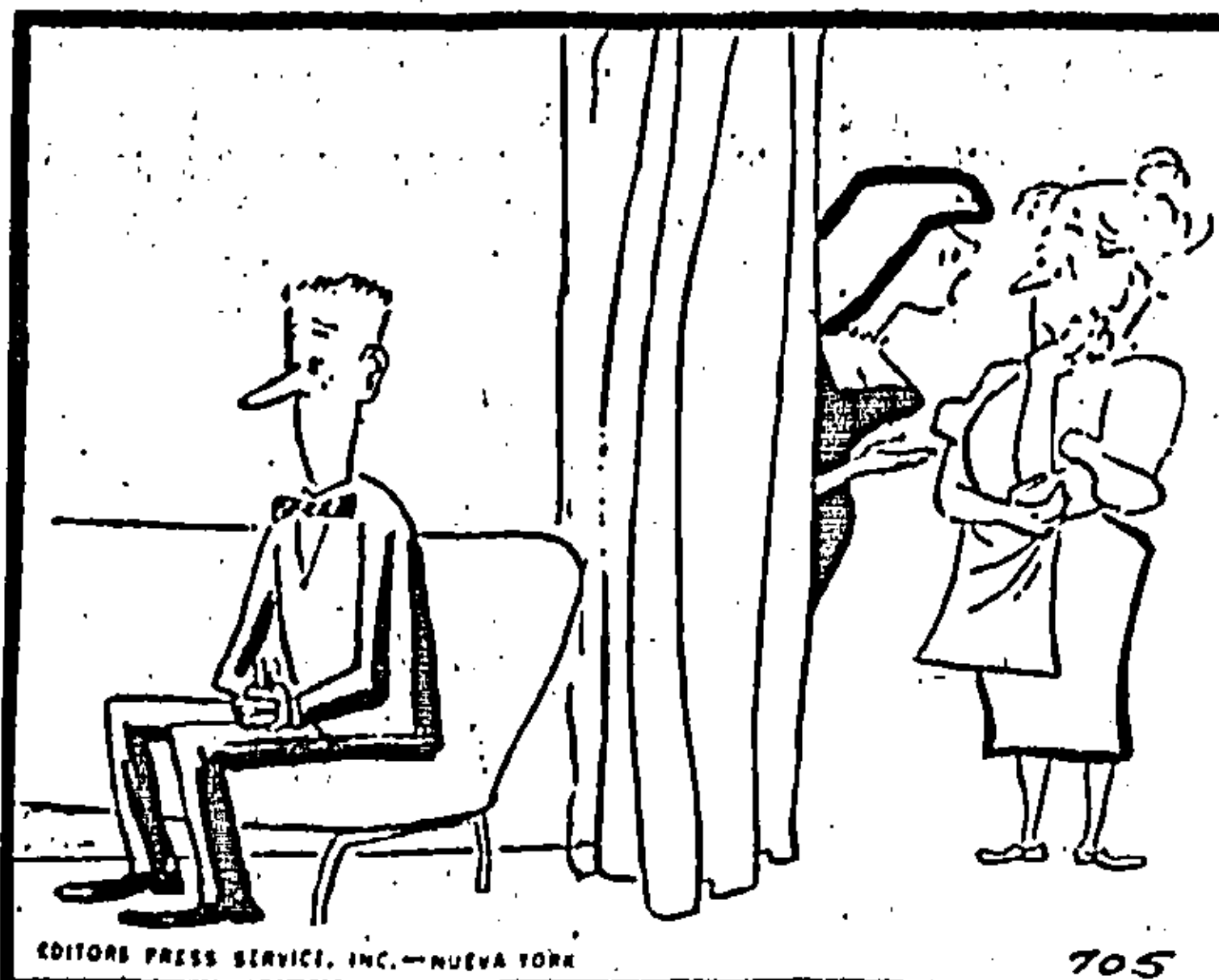
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Proper Start Will Improve Your Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE hand shown today is easy to make provided you get off on the right foot. Also, by the way, provided that you know what to do with the left foot.

When the hand was actually played in a tournament in New London, Leonard Harmon, a New York expert, was declared. Lennie knows where to put his feet at a bridge table, so he did quite well with the hand.

West opened the eight of spades and dummy won with the king. Declarer began by taking the ace of diamonds and ruffing a diamond in dummy. Next he hopelessly cashed the ace of spades, discarding a club from his hand.

West followed suit, Harmon brightened with relief and followed

with the ace of clubs and a club ruff. Now he tried to ruff another diamond in dummy.

Thus far, Harmon had started out with a good style. He had a chance to go wrong, however. When East over-ruffed the dummy and returned the queen of spades.

If declarer now ruffed low, West would over-ruff and a trump return would leave South with two losing diamonds. Nor would a high ruff improve matters in the slightest.

Harmon solved the problem by discarding one of his two losing diamonds on East's queen of spades. After this play, East could do nothing to defeat the contract. If he led another spade, South would throw his last losing diamond, and could easily win the rest.

If East led a trump, South could win trumps without loss and give up a diamond at the end. East led clubs. South could ruff and draw trumps.

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## WOMANSENSE



### THE NEW SWEATER GIRL

LATEST idea for the fur sweater. Here's one of the smartest, in white sheepskin with high collar, knitted cuffs and waist grip. For evening, a sweater in black mole-skin. In the middle price range—sweater in leopard print with ribbed sleeves—10gns.

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### Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



### Two Prize-winning Recipes

NEVER did I dream, that public libraries would open their doors wide and invite their patrons to a stage presentation on solving the high cost of eating. But this is just what has already happened twice to the Chef and myself on our tour of leading cities.

The Public Library at Copley Square, Boston, Massachusetts, provided a large auditorium, accompanied for the Chef's gay songs, and one of the liveliest, most nutrition-conscious audiences I ever met.

Our presentation the next evening was in the auditorium of the Public Library in Chelsea, Massachusetts, which had co-operated with the local newspaper in conducting a "Favourite Recipe" contest. To promote interest, that evening we had the pleasure of meeting an enthusiastic audience, announcing the prize-winners and awarding the prizes.

Why did these public libraries offer such whole-hearted co-operation? Representatives of both gave the same answer. "To solve the high cost of eating is one of the most pressing family problems today. We consider such presentations a public service."

**DINNER**  
Anchovy-Egg Salad  
Cottage Cheese Ravioli  
Spaghetti Sauce  
String Beans  
Braised Carrots  
Half-Frozen United Peaches  
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea  
Milk  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipe Serves Four

**Cheese Ravioli**  
To make the ravioli dough, add 4 c. sifted enriched flour and 1/2 tsp. salt; add 2 un-beaten eggs and 1/4 c. water. Mix thoroughly to make a firm dough, cut in halves, and let stand 10 min.

Next prepare the filling. Work and cream together 1/2 lb. each cottage cheese and cream cheese with 1 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper and 2 tsp. minced parsley.

Roll half of the dough very thin into oblong shape. On it put heaping teaspoonful of the cheese mixture in equal portions at intervals, leaving an inch space between. Arrange as if the dough were marked into squares. Cover with the remaining dough, and press it down around the margins of the cheese filling. Cut into squares, making sure that the dough thoroughly encases the cheese mixture.

Boil in plain salted water for 10 min. Drain and serve with hot tomato sauce or meatless spaghetti sauce, and grated Parmesan cheese. (Prize-winning recipe from Mrs. Marie Trimarchi, Chelsea, Mass.)

**Old-Fashioned Pot Roast**  
Order 4 lbs. shoulder pot cut—brisket or medium chuck cut. Heat a heavy pot or saucepan. In it melt 5 lbs. chicken fat or vegetable shortening. Slow-brown the meat all over in this. Add 3 sliced peeled onions, 2 sliced minced peeled garlic, 1 shredded peeled carrot, 1 sliced stalk celery, 1 diced peeled green pepper, 2 bay salt, 1/2 tsp. paprika, 4 bay leaves, 10 peppercorns, 1 tlay red pepper (optional), 1/2 c. soup-stock or 1/4 c. tomato juice, and 2 tsp. brown sugar. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 to 2 hrs., turning several times if necessary, add a little more liquid. This pot roast may be pressure-cooked at 45 lbs. by using half the amount of liquid. Allow 45 min. and cool in the cooker. (Prize-winning recipe from Mrs. A. Wolper, Chelsea, Mass.)

### Choose A

### Hairdo To Suit

### Your Face

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHENEVER you change from one hairdo to another, you will have to exert extra care for tresses, like a well-trained child, resent being pushed around in a new direction. If you have been wearing a side part, decide to put the line in the middle, those silky shafts are going to be somewhat rebellious. Not only that, but your scalp will feel uncomfortable for a time. The strands don't know what is it all about. Your wave set isn't likely to survive as well as it has in the past.

There are so many coiffure modes at the present time that it is a temptation to try out a new pattern. One should. It gives one an uplift. How terrible it would be if dress and hairdos were standardized, never changed.

**The Tailored Type**  
If you are the tailored type, can't wear fussy clothes—they aren't as smart as simple ones, anyway—then keep your locks arranged in a simple style. Curly are not becoming to tall women. A poodle-cut on the tailored lady just doesn't fill the bill. Tricky arrangements may ruin the total effect of her appearance. Clips, bandeaux and ornaments are also taboo for her.

Choose a hairdo to flatter your face. What's becoming to a model or movie star, may not work quite the same wonders for you, so don't insist on copying some glamour girl's coiffure. Let your stylist create a hairdo that's right for you.

The best friend of your hair is a brush of firm bristles. Beauticians lament that the hairbrush seems to have gone out of business. It will not weaken a permanent or cause the wave to do a fade away, but it will make your hair healthier.

**When Hair Sheds**  
If hair sheds a bit when you brush it, don't mind. Some are bound to fall every day, and the life of a shaft is from two to seven years. When the scalp is in a healthy condition the papillae will produce little under-studies to take the place of shafts that have fallen.

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### BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

FURTHER minutes of mixed Council meetings reveal that the state of affairs is even worse than was believed. What is one to make of this?

Chairman: Now, the original estimate for this bridge—Council for Bridge, if you would remove your arm from Councilor Mrs. Kimball's waist—

Mrs. Kimball: I don't feel cold, so he hugged me a bit.

Chairman: (glancing round): I notice that three other ladies are feeling cold.

Miss Judge: You bet!

A Voice: Myral! Don't you care any more?

Miss Towte: Him and his beauty old bridge, Geoff, let's skip out.

Chairman: Order!

A Councilor: Two sherries, please. (Hearty laughter)

A word for an oratorio

A CONTROVERSY about the correct way to spell the Welsh place Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch is chiefly the concern of Welshmen with plenty of leisure. Someone has apparently injured local pride by omitting the "y" in the word.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BORN today, there is a high degree of originality in your nature. You are a free thinker, and the arts and have definite creative gifts. In addition, you are blessed with good judgment and an executive talent which makes it possible for you to put your ideas into active production immediately. You should help bring you to a fairly early success. It may take perseverance to hold your position. But this you have, as well, the ability to persevere. Perhaps your one liability is your propensity for daydreaming and wishful thinking. Your head is always high among the stars. Just keep the foot on the substantial ground long enough to make your efforts effective.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You can feel free to discuss your future plans with close friends and relatives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be confident that whatever decisions you make today are good ones; then act promptly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Stick to a routine and follow out plans which have been carefully made ahead of time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Write a close associate who is far away and up to date on current happenings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Finish one job at a time. Don't take on added problems until you have solved those at hand.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A fine day to catch up on your reading. You can accumulate factual information that way.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't trust your memory for the details of an important contract. Get it down in writing.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Pay no attention to gossip. Rumor should not be depended upon, either. Get at the real facts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—A romantic day, but be careful not to be late for an important appointment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Develop your personality to its utmost just now. A favorable day to turn friendship into romance.

### CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West  
1 Heart Pass 2 Diamonds Pass  
2 Hearts Pass

You, South, hold: Spades A-5, Hearts 7-2, Diamonds A-K-J-9-4, Clubs 9-5-3-2. What do you do?

A—Pass. You had to stretch to respond with two diamonds in the first place, and you can't find another bid with a microscope.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-5, Hearts 7-2, Diamonds A-K-J-9-4, Clubs 9-5-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

### DUMB BELLS

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### CHESS PROBLEM

By L. LARSEN  
Black, 9 pieces.

White, 11 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B-R1. 1. B-XP. 2. Q-K4. 2. B others; 2. P-K5 (dis. ch.).

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Pooh Pooh Turns Housewrecker

—He Was Only Looking for a Bone He Had Buried—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was sitting under a mushroom and wondering if he shouldn't go look for Willy Toad and have a game of leap-frog (or, more properly, leap-land) when suddenly he heard angry footsteps. The next moment Blackie the Beetle came rushing up.

"Did you kick off the roof of my house?" Blackie demanded in an angry voice. "Because if you did—"

Knarf quietly answered Blackie that he had nothing to do with kicking the roof off his house. "I've been sitting here all afternoon," Knarf explained to the angry beetle. "I don't know a thing about your roof!"

"Well, someone did it! And I'm going to find out who it was! The way things like this happen is enough to make you want to move to another garden!"

Just then Chippy Chipmunk, who had a very pleasant parlour in a hollow log behind the barn, came dashing up. He was just as angry as Blackie Beetle.

"My parlour—my beautiful parlour—absolutely ruined!" he cried. "Someone broke in while I was out! Everything is broken!"

Hardly had Chippy finished when Whiskers Hedgehog and Blinky Mole and Jilly Fieldmouse all came dashing up with the same unpleasant news. Someone had tried to destroy the places they lived in!

While Rupert arranges the blanket, Jack Frost is still moaning. "It's all my own fault," he croaks. "I never felt the cold before because I live on ice pills. I carry a few in my wallet. When the effect of one wears off I take another, but today I lost my precious wallet, and I've got all rights reserved."

Where it felt. If only I could find it! It's all right in a minute." Rupert stares at him. "Did you mean a little round wallet?" he asks. But at that moment Mrs. Bear interrupts their chatter with a steaming drink which she insists on Jack sipping until it has all gone.

Then they all returned to repair the damage. Knarf helped Blackie the Beetle put the roof back on his house. (The roof was only a flat pebble); and helped Blinky make a new door, and did whatever he could for the others.

But Jilly Fieldmouse's house couldn't be repaired at all. She lived in an old tin can which Pooh-Pooh had pushed into the ditch. Knarf felt sorry for her.

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"My beautiful parlour is ruined!" cried Chippy Chipmunk.

The others shook their heads. They couldn't be angry with Pooh-Pooh; even though they knew he was the one who had done all the damage.

"I hope you won't forget where you bury your bones the next time," Blinky Mole said, putting his dark glasses on the tip of his nose and trying to look severe.

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But Jilly Fieldmouse's house couldn't be repaired at all. She lived in an old tin can which Pooh-Pooh had pushed into the ditch. Knarf felt sorry for her.

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"YUNNAN"	Shanghai 10 a.m. 24th Nov.
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"SOOCHOW"	Keelung 8 a.m. 26th Nov.
"SZECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe 10 a.m. 2nd Dec.
"YOHOW"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan 10 a.m. 4th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung 7 a.m. 20th Nov.
"PAIKHOI"	Kobe 20th Nov.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai 21st Nov.
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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.	
"AUTOLICUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg 25th Nov.
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"ASTYANAX"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg 24th Dec.
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Scheduled Sailings from Europe	
Sails	Arrives
Liverpool	Hong Kong
Sailed	Sailed in Port
"PATROCLUS"	23rd Nov.
"ANTIOCHUS"	1st Dec.
"ASTYANAX"	10th Dec.
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"ASTYANAX"	31st Dec.
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"BENRINNES" U.K. via Singapore	19th Dec.
"KING MALCOLM" U.K. via Singapore	30th Dec.

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FROM	DUE
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"BENAVON" Direct to Singapore, thence London, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hull.	9th Dec.
"BENVORLICH" Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hamburg.	16th Dec.
"BENROCH" Kure, Kobe and Yokohama.	20th Dec.
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## MAINTAINING A BALANCE

Chancellor's Exposition Of Economic Policies

## Taxation And Production Provide A Dilemma

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 16.

The House of Commons debate on the economic situation—which arose out of the Opposition motion of censure on the Government—did not produce any startling new information.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, treated the House to another of his calm and lucid economic expositions and called attention to the very real improvement that has taken place in our external payments position since the Government took office last October.

The Government's financial and economic policy, he said, was framed to keep a balance between the dangers of strict deflation and runaway inflation.

Mr Butler denied that his monetary policy was having such a severe deflationary effect as some Opposition members maintain. The positive benefits of this policy, he believed, far outweigh the negative burden.

The Chancellor was convinced that the increasing strength of Sterling—the fact that we are no longer in imminent danger of falling to balance our overseas accounts—was largely due to the Government's new and determined measures in the field of monetary policy.

The Opposition, nevertheless, blame the Government's disinflationary policy for the recent drop in production and the increase in unemployment.

One senior Socialist member—Mr Alfred Robens, former Minister of Labour—has publicly stated that unemployment in Britain would reach a million before the end of the year.

Sir Walter Monckton, present Minister of Labour, pleaded mildly with the Opposition not to exaggerate the extent of unemployment—which he described as "selective rather than general"—and said he would be both disappointed and surprised if by the end of the year the number of unemployed reached 500,000.

## TWO PROBLEMS

Mr Robens, however, remained unconvinced. He was not sure that his forecast of a million unemployed was not going to be right but he failed to impress the House with his reason for believing so.

The former Labour Minister, it seems, is under the impression that the increase in strength of the armed forces since last year is a Government ruse to distort the unemployment figures.

The debate, however, was mainly concerned with the problems of under-production and over-expenditure.

The Conservative backbenchers, who have opened a campaign for a reduction in Government spending—which the Chancellor would enable the Government to reduce taxation and thus restore the incentive to greater production—were appalled by Mr Butler's repeated assurance that it was the Government's prime objective to reduce taxation.

But, he warned, the task would not be an easy one. The problems of taxation and production do indeed place the Government in a dilemma.

## THE TROUBLE

The Chancellor said of the need to increase production: "We must continue with a selective policy of damping down home demand for capital goods for which overseas demand is high while not depressing home demand for consumer goods for which overseas demand has declined; and our fiscal, monetary and investment policies will be directed, as they have been to date, to achieving these ends."

The trouble with this policy is that it does nothing to create conditions in which British industries can re-equip themselves in order to strengthen their competitive position in world trade.

A case could be made out in favour of reducing capital investment in the consumer goods industries; but it would be folly to reduce capital investment in these industries which are (as yet) holding their own in the struggle for export markets.

To do so would be, as "The Economist" said this week, to assume that "the existing structure of British industry must be defended against any change."

But the need for a change is clear.

## ANOTHER SNAG

Here is a case where the right economic decision would be a bad political move. Company taxation is admittedly too high. It reduces incentive and denies industry the means to finance re-equipment out of its own resources.

Market research—especially valuable to industries planning an attack on the dollar markets—is too expensive for most companies after 60 per cent of their profits have been taxed away.

Companies are therefore forced either to abandon all hope of further expansion or borrow at the present high rates of interest. The trouble is, however, that if the Government reduced tax-

lower than at any time since the 1949 devaluation.

Copper shares improved on the news that the strike of native workers in the Rhodesian copper belt has been brought to an end but this recovery was not maintained and prices fell back again later in the week.

Oil, tea and rubber shares were all neglected.

## Japanese

## Steel Industry

Tokyo, Nov. 16.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry, which is working on a five-year economic plan, is pessimistic over the production and export of iron and steel for the next five years ending in 1957.

The pessimistic outlook is based on the following, according to Ministry circles.

(1) The Soviet Union, the United States, West European as well as South-East Asian countries will step up the production of iron and steel substantially.

(2) The world demand for iron and steel products, on the other hand, will not increase proportionately, reflecting a slow-down in rearmament efforts.

(3) Scrap iron is in such short supply the world over that the chances are that Japan will not be able to secure 5,313,000 tons of scrap required for 1953.

(4) A marked increase in the production of pig iron cannot be expected, because of difficulties in importing iron ore and the shortage of funds for building blast furnaces.

(5) Due to the planned increase in pig iron mixture in making steel, Japanese iron and steel products will advance in price.—France-Press.

## HONGKONG

## SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$450,844.50. Noon prices and the morning's transactions—

## SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

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HSBC Bank 1410 2 @ 1415  
East Asia 150

INSURANCES  
Canton 225  
Union 770  
Underwriters 130  
HSBC Fire 130 100 @ 140

SHIPPING  
Asia Nav. 140

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A. P. Wharf 9014 655  
Dock 2140 300 @ 2130  
Produce 1215 1000 @ 1250  
Shai Dock 135  
Wheelock XDC 474 48,170 @ 474

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HSBC Hotel 6 6 0.00  
HSBC Hotel (N) 58 700 @ 57 1/2  
HSBC Hotel (N) 57  
Shai Land 127 1,250,000 @ 130  
Stamphrey 135

UTILITIES  
Tram 2020 1000 @ 2040  
Star Ferry 110 110 400 @ 111  
C. Light (O) 970 1000 @ 975  
C. Light (N) 640 650 3200 @ 630.00  
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588 @ 22.50  
200 @ 21  
500 @ 21 1/2  
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STOCKS, ETC.  
HSBC 1970 500 @ 19.00  
Wahson 23 200 @ 20  
C. Crawford 30.10 1500 @ 30.30

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Ewo 2 1/2 230 2000 @ 230

Exchange Rates  
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates—  
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.025  
Sterling note (per £1) 15.53  
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 21.40  
Siamese baht (per 100) 22.00  
Singapore (Straits) 16.30  
PIC plaques (per 100) 11.75

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"TIJWANGI"	Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TAHAN"	Dec. 8	Singapore, Penang & Melawan Dell
"TJIPANAS"	Dec. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TEGELBERG"	Dec. 9	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa & N. America
"TRAAT SOENDA"	Dec. 10	Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"TJILUWAB"	Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJITALENKA"	Dec. 16	Japan
"RUYS"	Dec. 20	Japan
"TJIKAMPEK"	Dec. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"DOESKVAIN"	Dec. 28	Japan
"TABMAN"	Dec. 29	Japan
"TJIMENTENG"	Dec. 31	Japan
"TIJWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIBODAS"	Jan. 7	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYS"	Jan. 9	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa & N. America
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Jan. 10	Singapore, E. & S. Africa
"TJILUWAB"	Jan. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIMANTJET"	Jan. 16	Japan
"TABMAN"	Jan. 19	Singapore, Penang & Melawan Dell
"TJIPON'OK"	Jan. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJWANGI"	Feb. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TRAAT MALAKKA"	Feb. 3	Japan
"TJITALENKA"	Feb. 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIMENTENG"	Feb. 11	Manila, Singapore & S. Africa
"TJILUWAB"	Feb. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

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## Warning On Deflation Policies

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers at their meeting in London this month might persuade each other into dangerous policies of deflation, Mr Patrick Gordon Walker, former Labour Commonwealth Relations Secretary, said at Tamworth, Staffordshire, today.

"There is altogether too much talk about solving our balance of trade problem by what is called a realistic economic policy."

"That is a polite way of advocating deflation," said Mr Gordon Walker.

Mr Gordon Walker said it was not difficult to solve the balance of trade problems by creating unemployment and poverty.

The collective adoption of a deflation policy would inevitably make the decisions of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers the subject of bitter political controversy in Britain and almost certainly in other Commonwealth countries as well, he said.—Reuter.

## Russia Buying Israeli Fruit

Moscow, Nov. 16.  
The Soviet Russian Import Organisation has purchased 15,000 tons of Israeli oranges. The Russians will pay cash for the fruit, deliverable beginning next month.

It was the third and the biggest order of Israeli oranges the Russians have placed within a year. In the past two years, sub-tropical fruit—orange, lemons, bananas, and pineapples—from various countries were frequently available here.—United Press.

## Seeks World Bank Loan

Tokyo, Nov. 16.

Mr Tatsunosuke Takasaki, President of the Electric Power Development Company and well-known Japanese businessman, left today for Washington, where he plans to confer with officials of the World Bank and the visiting mission of senior officials of the Indian Government.

Mr Takasaki's secretary said his visit to Washington is connected with a plan for applying for a loan from the World Bank for the development of Japanese electric power resources and with the project for setting up a joint Japanese-Indian foundry in India which would also require financial assistance from the World Bank.

Mr Takasaki is accompanied by a party of experts on power and steel, including Mr Yuzuru Mayeda, Director of the Technical Department of the Fuji Iron and Steel Company, and Mr Retsuzo Mayeda, Managing Director of Daiichi Bussan Trading Firm.—Reuter.

## RICE CROP IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Nov. 16.  
California's rice crop is about 90 to 95 per cent harvested, the Federal-State Market News Service reported today. Growers were marketing supplies freely as milled rice prices remained firm at ceiling levels.

An urgent export demand for unpooled or undermilled rice was noted in the report. Japanese dealers were inquiring for quotations on additional quantities of No. 3 California Pearl undermilled rice with 35 per cent broken. Uncertainty as to obtaining export and import licences, however, tended to restrict trade.—Associated Press.

## Egypt Looking For Foreign Capital

Cairo, Nov. 16.

The Cabinet announced today that Egypt will seek international help in building an iron and steel plant to exploit the rich iron ore at Assuan, in Southern Egypt.

The plant, to be financed jointly by Egyptian and foreign capital, is expected to start production in two years.—United Press.

Other requests included mining and agricultural machinery for Rhodesia.—Reuter.

Canada asked for suitings and canned and bottled goods. Hongkong sought cattle and Singapore asked for canned foods, breakfast cereals, stationery, milk products and plastics.

The British West Indies sought foodstuffs.

New Zealand wanted textile piecegoods, carpets, timber and heavy engineering equipment.

Tyres, electrical accumulators and radios, cutlery and various other goods are finding ready outlets.

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